

I have invested to construct and I am operating MI News 26 (WMNN-LD), a legally licensed Low Power TV station in Cadillac, Michigan. As an independent digital broadcast TV station, we're able to make a 24/7 local news channel and two channels of classic television programming available to tens of thousands of antenna TV viewers in a rural area who would, without our station, only receive one or two channels with limited local programming.

In addition to bringing three new channels to our rural community, the launch of WMNN-LD has created numerous jobs here in northern Michigan, as I now employ a full news team responsible for filling the 24/7 local news schedule on MI News 26.

It has come to my attention that the FCC is intending to conduct a spectrum auction to facilitate the expansion of wireless and unlicensed spectrum users. I urge you, please do not force the shutdown of my licensed broadcast station or ANY broadcast station for the benefit of unlicensed users, and please do not take my licensed LPTV broadcast station to benefit my competitors in the wireless industry.

I am a licensed broadcaster and I have the legitimate expectation of the continued renewal of my license as long as I continue to fulfill the requirements of my license. To take my business away for the benefit of another business is wrong. Low-power TV stations that have operated in good faith and have complied with their license should be protected and kept on the air.

The shutdown of my station or any of the many similar low-power TV stations across the country would mean an enormous loss for local communities that each of those stations serves -- a loss of jobs, a loss of access to community information, and a loss of a voice to many.

Thank you for your consideration.